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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

Thank you for your May 26, 2011 letter concerning the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC) at Rock Island Arsenal. I appreciate your taking the time to speak to me about this issue yesterday.

As we discussed, Army Materiel Command (AMC) has made no proposal to close JMTC at this time. AMC, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, is examining every entity within its command structure in an effort to create a more agile and cost-effective research development and acquisition system. I assure you that we understand the importance of the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to your constituency in the Quad Cities region and will keep your concerns in mind as we move forward with our review.

With our future force demands and budgets uncertain, it is imperative that we reform our institutional Army to create leaders, weapons systems and equipment that match the needs and capabilities of our operational forces in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. We will continue to look to our partners in Congress for support as we undertake this effort.

Thank you for your inquiry into this matter and for your continued support of our Army.

Sincerely,

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